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SUBJ: SITREP--VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

1. THE NEWS OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE M.V. OREGON WITH 103 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAS NOT YET BECOME PUBLIC IN HONG KONG. WE ARE AWAITING A REPLY TO HK 5368 TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE THESE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY ON TO GUAM OR THEY WILL STAY ON BOARD THIS AMERICAN SHIP MAY 17 WHEN IT DEPARTS HONG KONG FOR TAIWAN.

2. THE CANADIANS CONTINUE TO BE THE ONLY CONSULATE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SCREENING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES LOCALLY. THEY HAVE THUS FAR TAKEN A TOTAL OF 50 REFUGEES (45 FROM THE CLARA MAERSK AND 5 FROM THE M.V. JAPAN) AND HAVE ALSO ACCEPTED ABOUT 40 VIETNAMESE WHO WERE STRANDED IN HONG KONG. AMONG THE LATER GROUP WAS THE VIETNAMESE CONSUL GENERAL AND HIS FAMILY, A FACT WHICH THE CANADIANS ARE KEEPING FROM
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3. LOCAL AIR AMERICA REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUE TO BESIEGE
US WITH TELEPHONE CALLS CLAIMING THAT INTER-AGENCY
VIETNAMESE REFUGEE TASK FORCE HAS GIVEN PERMISSION FOR
THEIR FIVE EMPLOYEES TO PROCEED TO GUAM. AS DEPARTMENT
IS AWARE, WE HAVE NO SUCH AUTHORIZATION.

4. TOTAL NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HK IMMIGRATION
DETENTION IN LAST SITREP (HK 5352) SHOULD HAVE BEEN 3,797.
WITH ADDITION OF ONE VIETNAMESE FOUND WANDERING THE DOCKSIDE
AND FIVE ADDITIONAL LEAVING FOR CANADA YESTERDAY, NEW TOTAL
IS 3,793.
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